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"TORO's" REPORT ON EVENTS IN COLOMBIA (1945)

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To VIKTOR. [1]

Source "TORO" [ii] [reports:] [a]

Following the discovery, on the morning of 10th March, of large stores of hand-grenades and explosives in the Cathedral and in other places in the capital, and an announcement regarding the exposure of preparations for a rising on 16th March, large-scale arrests and searches are in progress in the capital and the provinces. In the capital there was printed to-day, in the name of more than 300 people

[16 groups unrecovered]

, reactionary [1 group unrecovered] priests and officers and the fifth column especially by misrepresentation. No precise details are available concerning the organisers of the conspiracy. The Conservatives and right-wing Liberals are trying to put the blame on the FELLOW-COUNTRYMEN [ZEMLYAKI] [iii]

[30 groups unrecoverable]

[17 groups unrecovered]

Dario SAMUEL [iv]

[20 groups unrecovered]

that SANTO [v] [2 groups unrecovered]

[20 groups unrecoverable]

[13 groups unrecovered]

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PROKHOR [vi]

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Note: [a] Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.

[ii] TORO : David DRESSER.

[iii] FELLOWCOUNTRYMEN : Members of a Communist Party.

[iv] Dario SAMPER : Secretary of the Liberal Party of COLOMBIA.

[v] SANTO : Just possibly a reference to Eduardo SANTOS of the newspaper "El Tiempo".

[vi] PROKHOR : Aleksei Prokhorovich ANTIPOV, 2nd Secretary at the Soviet Legation in BOGOTA.

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